
Title: A Treatise on Death

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As i know them, there
are three (3) distinct
types of Death. These
are Common Death,
True Death, and
Undeath. I refer to
these as the
Triumvirate

of Unlife, but
other names
undoubtedly
exist.

Undeath is when a
Britannian's body is
animated with a form

of 'life' by dark
magic, either from
a mortal wizard or by
the inherent evil of
the Dungeons. (this
form of animation
supports my theory of
LandScape Sentience,

discussed in another
Treatise) An Undead
construct is merely
the sum of its parts;
an abulatory corpse.
They have no mind to
speak of, and display
only the simplest of

battle expertise.

Common Death occurs
when a human dies
and does not pass on
the True Death. If he
has buisness
unfinished (often the

case with Death by
Violence) their spirit
remains, taking the

semblance of life.

They are the parallel of the Undead, a mind without a body. Their condition is imperfect, however, and they will 'decay' towards True Death, their mind losing power, unless they manage the force of will to form a new body in a relatively short time. True Death occurs when a Britannian Dies naturally, or when they cannot muster the will required to remain on our plane as Ghosts. It is the most complete of all Deaths; the body decays and the spirit flees to dimensions unknown. Though traumatic for the departed's loved ones, it has little or no effect on the world as a whole.

Abberations-Liches

Liches are a specialized type of Undead- They differ in that they retain a small portion of their minds. The part is very specific- Liches are capable of casting the spells they did in life. I theorize that they are animated by a slightly different type of Necromantic energy than the common dead, and that this energy stimulates the neurological pathways once used for magic within the dead mage's brain. This may also be reason for a Liche's ability to use spells without the reagents they required in life. Liches, however,

have been documented
to take magickal items
and regeants from
their victims, but this
is probably just an
undying compulsion to
collect objects of
enchantment, a
residual effect of the
re-awakening neural
pathways.

This leads to a
possible explanation
of Mordread, the late
Liche Lord. Unlike the
other Liches, he was
reported to retain
complete memory,
though his emotions
had been 'abridged,'
boiling down to Hate,
Obsession, and Love.
It stands to reason that
he was simply a Liche
of exeptional Will, but
it still did not solve
the case of his
consciousness.

The only other
'altered' liche i know
of (not including
Wrong's supposed
'Black Liche') is
Relvinian. Though he
is a normal liche in all
respects, he
periodically
regenerates ever time
he is slain. I have no
reasons for this; i can
only theorize that
some lingering
enchantment around
his estate periodically
'resurrects' him.

This concludes my
Treatise. Perhaps you
can find some use for
this knowledge, if so,
thou art welcome. If
not, you have my
envy.

Good day, and fare
well.